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## **CUMBERLAND ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE**

St. Marys, Georgia – Cumberland Island National Seashore is announcing on-line registration for the 2008-2009 managed hunts. The park will begin accepting registrations on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and continue until the quotas have been reached. Hunters may participate in 4 of the hunts plus the adult/child hunt.

The registration process will be first come first serve. The hunt fee is \$35.00 per hunt per hunter. Payment is required at the time of registration. The fee is nonrefundable and nontransferable. When a particular hunt quota is full, registration for that hunt will be closed. Hunters can register as individuals or as a group. A group consists of 5 members plus the group lead. Standby hunters are no longer being accepted. An e-mail will confirm your registration.

The hunt registration site may be accessed at  $\underline{www.pay.gov}$ ,  $\underline{www.nps.gov/cuis}$ , or by searching on "Cumberland Island National Seashore Managed Hunts".

**Transportation:** Transportation to Cumberland Island is by passenger ferry or private boat. The passenger ferry departs from the National Park Service dock in St Marys at 10:00AM on Sunday. The return ferry departs Plum Orchard dock at 10:30 AM on Thursday. The round trip fare is \$30.00. Reservations for the ferry must be made when you receive your hunt confirmation. The reservation number is 877-860-6787 or 912-882-4335. Small boat charters may be available from the ferry concessionaire at 912-882-4452. No other charter or water taxi operators are authorized to operate to the seashore.

Private boaters must check-in at Plum Orchard Hunt Camp. Private boats must be beached or stream anchored. Private boats may use Plum Orchard dock to load/unload gear but are not allowed to dock overnight.

**Check-in:** check-in is on Sunday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Plum Orchard Hunt Camp. All hunters are required to present their hunting license and identification.

**Hunting License:** A Georgia Big Game License is required for hunting deer and hog in addition to a regular GA Hunting License or a Primitive Weapons License (if using primitive weapons).

Go to <a href="www.nps.gov/cuis">www.nps.gov/cuis</a> for further hunt information or <a href="www.gohuntgeorgia.com">www.gohuntgeorgia.com</a> for license or weapon information. Additional information maybe obtained by writing to: Hunts, Cumberland Island National Seashore, P.O. Box 806, St Marys, GA 31558, phone 912-882-4336-275 or FAX 912-882-6284.

2008 – 2009 Cumberland Island Hunt Dates

<u>TYPE</u>	DATES	<b>QUOTA</b>	<u>AGE</u>
Archery	Oct – 20, 21, 22, 2008	125	16 and over
Primitive Weapons	Nov – 3, 4, 5, 2008	100	16 and over
Primitive Weapons	Dec - 1, 2, 3, 2008	100	16 and over
Adult/Child	Dec – 15, 16, 17, 2008	50	12 - 16
Hog Only	Jan – 5, 6, 7, 2009	100	16 and over
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